

## Transfer Of Sodus Approved

### County Board Sets Shift To Eau Claire July 1

By JERRY KRIEGER  
County-Farm Editor  
BERRIEN SPRINGS — By  
unanimous vote, the Berrien  
Intermediate school board  
Wednesday approved the  
transfer of the former Sodus,

Chadwick and Mt. Pleasant  
school districts in Sodus  
township to the Eau Claire  
school district from Benton  
Harbor.

The transfer will be effective  
as of July 1. A 10-day period is  
provided by law during which  
any opposing appeals can be  
made to the State Board of  
Education.

Intermediate District  
Superintendent Doyle Bark-  
meier said appeals can be made  
only by either the Benton Har-  
bor or the Eau Claire school  
boards, or by one or more  
residents within the area to be  
transferred. The deadline for  
appeal will be May 12.

In its resolution approving the  
transfer, the only reasons cited  
by the county board were the  
approval by both the Benton  
Harbor and the Eau Claire dis-  
tricts.

It could not immediately be  
determined if there were plans  
afoot for an appeal.

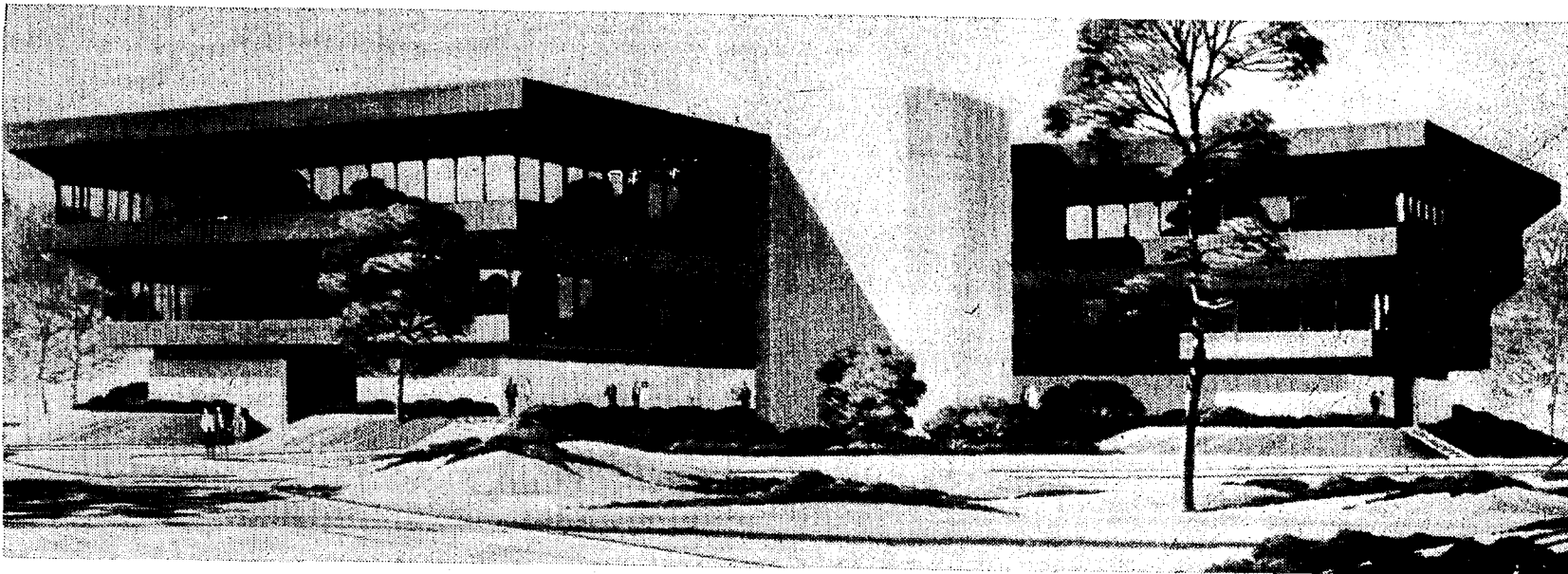
The resolution, adopted 4-0,  
said the Intermediate board  
would decide the matter of  
transfer of personal property —  
such as desks — and also would  
determine the price of real es-  
tate to be transferred. The only  
real estate involved apparently  
would be the Sodus school  
building, a three-classroom  
structure on five acres on  
Naomi road.

Two of the Intermediate board  
members voting approval yes-  
terday had cast the two op-  
posing votes in 1971 when a similar  
transfer request for a larger  
area that also included the  
former Stump school district,  
was turned down by a 2-2 tie.  
They were Lawrence Peachey of  
Eau Claire, a principal in the  
Benton Harbor system, and  
Adrian VanGinhoven of Sawyer.  
Also approving yesterday were  
two newer members, Ben Nye of  
Stevensville and Donald Stover  
of Berrien Springs.

Intermediate Board Chair-  
man Ralph Lehman of Niles was  
a heart attack patient in South  
Bend Memorial hospital and  
was not present to vote. Lehman  
voted in favor of the transfer  
petition two years ago. Peachey,  
vice chairman, presided at yes-  
terday's special meeting in  
Lehman's absence.

The area to be transferred is  
located in Sodus township, ex-  
cept for three individual parcels  
adjoining in Pipestone  
township. The northern bound-  
ary is the Lake Michigan shore-  
line. (See back page, sec. 1, col. 7)

## Multi-Million Corporate Headquarters Clark To Build In Buchanan!



ARCHITECT'S SKETCH OF CLARK EQUIPMENT COMPANY'S PROPOSED NEW CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS IN BUCHANAN

Clark Equipment Co. plans to begin construction on a new  
multi-million dollar corporate headquarters in Buchanan in  
June.

The announcement was made today by Bert E. Phillips,  
president and chief executive officer of Clark.

The new 87,000 square-foot building will be constructed on a  
10-acre site off Red Bud trail, north of Bluff street on the north  
side of Buchanan. Construction is scheduled for completion in  
the summer of 1974.

The new three-story building will "substantially relieve what  
has become a serious space problem in our present

headquarters at 324 East Dewey avenue," Phillips said.

Clark has made its corporate headquarters at the Dewey  
avenue address in Buchanan since early in the company's 70  
year history.

After the move into the new building next year, Clark's ex-  
panding automotive division, also currently headquartered in a  
common building in Buchanan, will occupy the vacated space.

"We are pleased to be able to move our corporate  
headquarters just a few blocks away in Buchanan," Phillips  
said, "since we felt it was best to retain our headquarters in

Southwestern Michigan."

Designed by K-M Associates of Elkhart, Ind., the building will  
consist of two major components—the main building area and  
three service towers. The main building will contain office,  
lobby, storage and garage areas, while the three service towers  
contain all vertical circulation, both for people and for the  
mechanical system.

Clark is a major producer of material handling equipment,  
construction machinery, automotive parts and components,  
truck trailers, and commercial refrigeration and food service  
equipment.



MRS. VICTOR FELLNER  
Sodus Leader Pleased

## Wholesale Prices Dip On Food

WASHINGTON (AP) —  
Wholesale prices of food and  
farm products declined in April  
for the first time in six months  
but the drop was more than off-  
set by the biggest jump in in-  
dustrial prices in 22 years, the  
government reported today.

The decrease in prices for  
processed foods and farm  
products was led by a 2.9 per  
cent drop in meat prices, ap-  
parently reflecting the effects of  
the recent nationwide con-  
sumers meat boycott and  
President Nixon's ceiling on  
meat prices.

But the prices on a broad  
range of industrial raw material  
rose 1.4 per cent, the largest  
monthly increase since January  
1951, said the Labor Depart-  
ment's Bureau of Labor Statis-  
tics.

## Milliken Package Approved 'Biggest Tax Cut In State History'

By PATRICK CONNOLLY  
Associated Press Writer

LANSING, Mich. (AP) —  
Gov. William Milliken's po-  
litically potent \$380 million tax  
cut package is on his desk for  
signing after winning  
overwhelming legislative  
approval.

"This is by far the biggest  
and most comprehensive tax cut  
in Michigan history," Milliken  
said Wednesday after the two-  
bill package breezed through  
the House and Senate.

The bill would increase the  
personal income tax exemption  
from the current \$1,200 to \$1,500  
next Jan. 1. Milliken originally  
wanted the exemption to be  
\$1,700.

The exemptions could be  
reflected in paychecks early  
next year.

The broad and complicated  
package would grant tax breaks  
through 1975 of about \$300  
million for individuals and \$80  
million for business, said Rep.  
Roy L. Spencer, one of the  
proposal's architects.

The House passed the income  
tax deduction and property tax  
credit bill 102-3. Minutes later  
the Senate concurred 28-2.

Representatives who voted  
against the bill were Perry  
Bullard, D-Ann Arbor, John P.  
Smeekens, R-Coldwater, and  
Frank V. Wierzbicki, D-Detroit.  
Senators opposed were Daniel  
Cooper, D-Oak Park, and Jack

McCauley, D-Grosse Ile.

A so-called "circuit breaker"  
clause says that in cases where  
property taxes exceed 3.5 per  
cent of income, the state will  
pay 60 per cent of the excess in  
the form of tax credits. For  
senior citizens, the blind and  
veterans, the state will pay 100  
per cent of property taxes in  
excess of 3.5 per cent of income.

The average tax break for in-  
dividuals will be "between \$75  
and \$100 a year, closer to \$100,"  
a Milliken aide said.

He said a family of four earn-  
ing \$10,000 a year and living in a  
\$25,000 house would receive \$193  
a year in tax relief. That would  
include \$165 from the "circuit  
breaker," \$47 from the  
increased exemption and a loss  
of about \$49 because current tax  
credits have been repealed.

Although the tax cuts are  
about \$10 million over  
Milliken's original proposal of  
four months ago, the governor  
"is very, very pleased," an aide  
said. Milliken is expected to  
sign the cuts into law next week.

Veterans have been granted  
higher exemptions and "a little  
more money has been put into  
property taxes than originally  
proposed," said Gerald H.  
Miller, the governor's tax  
specialist.

The business tax relief  
program applies to both cor-  
porations and non-corporations.  
Under it, 25 per cent of a  
businessman's tax on items for  
sale will be credited against his  
income tax liability. It will  
comprise the bulk of the gover-  
nor's tax break for business.

The second business credit is  
the intangibles tax applied

against stocks, bonds and the  
deposits of financial institu-  
tions. Those income tax credits  
would jump from the current  
\$100 on single returns and \$200  
on joint returns to \$175 and \$350.  
For the first time, the state

would grant no income tax  
credit to owners of property on  
which they do not live except in  
the case of farmland.

The Legislature dumped a  
provision of the 1967 Income Tax  
Act that allowed certain credits

for uninhabited or parttime  
property such as vacant lots and  
cabin sites.

Lawmakers who must run for  
re-election next year were loath

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## Niles Man Winner Of \$200,000! Hagar Resident \$50,000

A Niles man likes the kind of  
mileage money the state of  
Michigan pays. This morning  
the state paid him \$8,666 per  
mile for driving from Niles to  
the Benton Harbor fruit market.

Fred B. Marshall, 49, of 419  
North 9th street, this morning  
won \$200,000 at the super-draw-  
ing of the Michigan lottery held  
before an overflow audience at  
the Benton Harbor fruit market.

Marshall had to drive about 30  
miles from his residence to win  
the super-drawing.

James Titus, 30, of US-33,  
Hagar township, was the third  
of five \$50,000 winners.

The drawings were held  
under cloudy skies in front of a  
huge crowd of tourists and local  
residents who saw first hand  
how \$480,000 can be given away  
in a little over a half-hour.

Also in attendance at the  
super-drawing were Miss Bloss-  
somtime, Debbie Zemke, of  
Bridgman and each of the other  
27 queens; and television per-  
sonalities Dave Madden of the  
Partridge Family show, Sam  
Melville of the Rookies series,  
and Judy Strangis of Room 222.

Marshall is plant manager for  
the Niles branch of ACAN X-  
Ray, Inc., an x-ray supply house  
for medical and industrial  
firms. He and his wife, Barbara,  
have five children.

When asked what he plans to  
do with his lottery winnings,  
Marshall said "give it to my

wife." Titus is a lab technician at  
Auto Specialties Manufacturing  
Co., St. Joseph. He and his wife,  
Denise, have three girls.

Titus said he plans to "use the  
money to buy a new house" and  
set up trust funds for his three  
girls. His wife's name is Denise.

Also winning \$50,000 were:  
Mrs. Agnes L. Burklow, 48,  
Dearborn Heights, a housewife  
whose husband drives a truck  
for the Wayne Co. sanitation

authority.; Mrs. Betty A.  
Summers, 39, Gaylord, a key  
tape operator for Standard  
Products Co.; Edward Os-  
malowski, 48, Yale, owner of  
Mt. Clemens used cars; and  
Royce N. Kephart, 44, Traverse  
City, owner of American Drug  
pharmacy.

The \$10,000 winners included:  
Mrs. F.M. Robinson, 42, De-  
troit, a housewife; Charles H.  
Magg, 40, Owosso, and Albert E.  
Thompson, 84, Detroit.



UNANIMOUS VOTE: Members of Berrien Inter-  
mediate school board cited approval by both Ben-  
ton Harbor and Eau Claire boards of education as  
reason for granting transfer of former Sodus,  
Chadwick and Mt. Pleasant school districts to Eau

Claire. Their vote was unanimous. Left to right:  
Ben Nye, Adrian VanGinhoven, Donald Stover and  
Lawrence Peachey, vice president. President  
Ralph Lehman, hospitalized, was not present.  
(Staff photo).

### Winning Numbers

BENTON HAR-  
BOR, Mich. (AP) —  
The winning  
number in this  
week's Michigan  
State Lottery is: 595  
460.



FRED MARSHALL...  
Wins \$200,000



JAMES TITUS  
He Gets \$50,000

# THE HERALD-PRESS

## Editorial Page

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# Trade Presents A New And Profitable Challenge

The House Ways and Means Committee is scheduled to open hearings this coming Wednesday on Administration proposals for trade and tariff legislation.

Basic to the White House recommendation is the Presidential latitude to raise or lower tariffs and to establish import and export quotas much wider than now found on the statute books.

The key issue in the request is Nixon's conviction that there is more to trade than the balance of payments, that it is basic to improving foreign relations.

It is the same pocketbook approach to world peace that dominates most of the discussions when labor and management sit down to discuss a new contract.

Thomas C. Schelling, a Harvard University economist, puts it in these terms: "Broadly defined to include investment, shipping, tourism, and the management of enterprises, trade is what most of international relations are about. For that reason trade policy is national security policy."

This is a viewpoint new to American thinking and despite all of the Hondas, VWs, Leichons, Suzakis, etc., seen in daily use throughout the U.S., it is still a definitely minority opinion. Most American businessmen instinctively are protectionist minded; and the major labor unions which a few years ago spoke favorably for moderating the country's traditional high tariff posture are now voicing second thoughts on the subject.

The Kennedy Administration took the first step toward softening the protectionist stand of a hundred years standing by initiating GATT (General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs). Mainly it was a meeting of the minds between the U.S., Great Britain and her dominion partners, the Euromart nations, and Japan.

The agreement in principle states that no member in GATT should deploy tariffs discriminatorily against other members of the pact.

Fleshing out the structure was a complicated quota system for the exchange of goods and services within that framework.

The Euromart, dominated by France, has placed so many impediments before GATT as to reduce it to just another piece of paper. Japan has equally sabotaged the idea.

Nixon echos Prof. Schelling. In a message sent to Congress on April 10th, he said, "The structure of peace cannot be strong unless it encompasses international economic affairs. Our progress toward world peace and stability can be significantly undermined by economic conflicts which

cause political tensions and weaken security ties. It is imperative, therefore, that we promptly turn our negotiating efforts to the task of resolving problems in the economic arena."

This covering letter to his proposed Tariff Reform Act of 1973, was drafted specifically to strengthen the U.S. bargaining position at a second version of GATT to be discussed in Tokyo this September.

History and the current news amply sustain the Schelling theory.

Our Revolutionary War's seed bed was a colonial impulse, particularly on the Atlantic seacoast region, to break away from a secondary position in England's mercantilist philosophy holding the Mother Country should be the exclusive selling agent of finished products in the colonies and the latter should confine themselves to supplying her with raw products.

World War I had its genesis in a German conviction that only the force of arms could break what the German leadership considered a French and British stranglehold on much of the world's real estate.

Soviet-American relations have improved noticeably since World War II's end because of recent commitments to sell American wheat and technological know-how which the Russians lack. In return the Administration hopes to meet some of the U.S. energy crisis by importing Siberian oil and natural gas.

Conversely the oil producing Arab countries are trying to use their natural resource imported in great quantities into our country as lever to move the U.S. from its pro-Israel position.

Though Japan and the Euromart countries can hardly be cheered for sabotaging GATT, one has to consider a recent comment from Charles L. Schultze, former Budget Director. "Living standards in Europe and Japan," he writes, "depend critically on foreign trade. How we conduct our economic relations with these countries is therefore a matter of major concern to them."

We have always questioned the value in Congress giving an Administration a free wheeling authority to issue rules and regulations under broadly phrased statutes which have the effect of running the country by personal fiat.

Because the proposed Trade Reform Act of 1973 can be another string to the Presidential bow toward bettering the world political situation and because a legislative body is not tuned to move quickly in fast moving situations such as international trade, the Nixon request is a deserved exception to that normal standard.

# Taking It With Them

Once again the time is approaching when Mother Nature will have to bat down the hatches and prepare for the onslaught. Battlefields, national parks, museums, lakes, deserts, scenic wonderlands and all other fascinating places must begin building up their fortifications for another battle of existence. The tourists are taking to the road.

American tourists have a phobia for bringing back souvenirs of the places they visit. It's almost as though no one would believe they had been there unless they brought back some of it. No commercial souvenir will do. It must be the genuine item.

It is only because of the abundance

of natural beauty in the United States that anything remains for future generations to see, so damaging have past tourist seasons been to historic and scenic landmarks. Nothing is too sacred, nothing too precious, for souvenir hunters to hack apart and cart off.

It may be indicative of the character of those who insist upon destroying their natural and ancestral heritages that the most common objectives of souvenir collectors are headstones and statues on the graves of renowned heroes and villains.

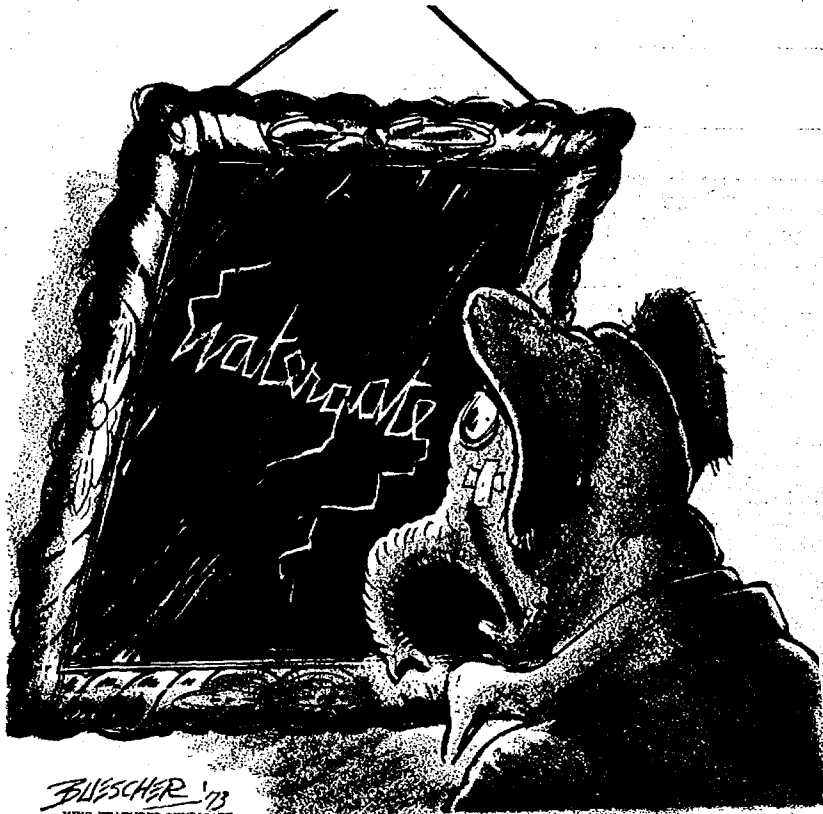
Scarcely a single unprotected grave of a famous American has survived the years unmolested. The greatest prize of all is a piece of the stone marking the last resting place of one of the more colorful characters of the frontier era.

Wild Bill Hickok holds somewhat of a record in this field, as attested to by the three stones including a full size statue which souvenir addicts have hacked away, piece by piece, from his grave in historic Deadwood, S.D.

Sam Bass and William Bonney, not to be outdone by the lawman, have also had numerous stones removed piecemeal from their richly deserved havens.

Those who appreciate the effort, time and money spent to preserve the numerous places of interest to the traveler in this country can only hope the vandalism stops before the Grand Canyon is moved, one rock at a time, from Arizona and deposited in many rock gardens around the nation.

# Mirror, Mirror—?



# GLANCING BACKWARDS

## LIBERTY BELL AWARD WON BY DAVID UPTON

— 1 Year Ago —

David F. Upton — Twin Cities businessman, community leader in many fields, former state legislator — was presented the Liberty Bell award yesterday by the Berrien County Bar association.

Voted annually by the bar association, the Liberty Bell goes to a citizen member of the bar who has performed outstanding service in promoting democracy and the rule of law. The presentation to Upton took place at a meeting of Twin Cities Rotary club, of which Upton is a member.

## TO NAME SCHOOL AFTER E.P. CLARKE

— 10 Years Ago —

The St. Joseph board of education will call a new elementary school to be built on Glenford road the E. P. Clarke elementary school after the superintendent who built St. Joseph's modern education system.

Clarke, who was serving as Berrien school commissioner, was drafted in 1899 to be superintendent of schools. He served for 36 years, retiring in 1935. He directed construction of the original part of the high school, and Jefferson school. Some 1,500 students graduated from St. Joseph high school during his regime.

## NAZI RAILWAYS ABOUT USELESS

— 29 Years Ago —

U.S. heavy bombers struck the Calais area of France today and an official British spokesman declared that the unprecedented aerial offensive had rendered the railroads of Belgium and northern France incapable of carrying peak loads necessary to repel the approaching invasion.

The daylight attack extended the fateful air invasion of Europe, first phase of the real thing, into its 19th consecutive day. A ministry of economic warfare spokesman said rail yards in a 100-mile belt from Cologne to the Bay of Biscay has been bombed so effectively during March and April that only military and coal traffic could pass.

## SEASON STARTS

— 39 Years Ago —

The first case of homegrown strawberries appeared here today. The berries — of excellent quality — were grown by A.R. Arford of Fair Plain.

## FAST TIME

— 49 Years Ago —

St. Joseph went on fast time today. The city council decided so last night, with only one alderman voting against the daylight saving schedule.

## MAY FESTIVAL

— 59 Years Ago —

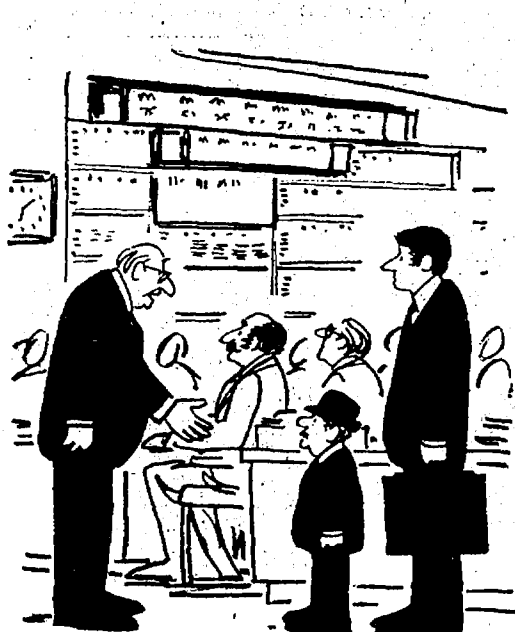
The annual May festival opens this week when the Minneapolis Symphony orchestra gives concerts in the twin cities in the tabernacle. Some radical changes have been made in the festival since the idea was first launched here. Madame Schumann-Heink will be the first star to appear.

## FINISHING TOUCHES

— 83 Years Ago —

The new brick addition to the Lake View hotel is receiving finishing touches.

# BERRY'S WORLD



"Mr. Cole, when I said that we've got to lure the little guy back into the market, I meant..."

# Ray Cromley

## Accuracy, Mercy

## Nuclear Shift Aim



WASHINGTON (NEA) — A major shift in U.S. nuclear strategy may be on the way.

The thrust of the new approach advocated by some high administration men:

— That a new generation of intercontinental nuclear missiles be designed — so accurate they could take out an enemy nation's military and industrial complex and thus its power to wage war effectively while leaving vast civilian populations relatively unscathed.

By contrast, present nuclear strategy aims at insuring peace by mass destructive weapons targeted to kill 30 million to 40 million or more civilians.

These new accuracies will be practical in less than a decade if the necessary research is begun now on a sufficient scale.

— That these new offensive weapons be secured so safely and so thoroughly that immediate reaction to a Russian or Chinese strike would not be necessary. Rather, the president of the United States would be able to take his time before retaliating or reacting.

Today, the requirement for speed could turn an accidental missile firing into an all-out atomic war.

— That coupled with these shifts in offensive weapon technology, there be an agreement to develop in the United States, Russia and China advanced defensive weapons that would insure safety of populations in the event of nuclear war, do away with the concept of making tens of millions of men, women and children hostages, as one administration advocate of the new policy puts it.

The drive for a new nuclear

strategy is sparked by three chilling realities, as outlined by Frederick Charles Ikle, President Nixon's nominee for chief of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency:

1. Today's strategy would not protect us from a madman. Under present concepts, some 40 million American lives and the existence of the United States as a nation may depend on Russia always being ruled by sane, logical men who will weight the pros and cons carefully before launching a nuclear strike on the United States.

If we make clear we can guarantee the destruction of Russia in return, the theory goes, no sane ruler will make the first move. But history is too filled with madmen rulers to take that chance.

2. As a practical matter, a U.S. president might find it impossible politically and psychologically to order the destruction of 30 million to 40 million Russians in retaliation for a Soviet first strike which aimed at a mass crippling of U.S. forces but spared the major cities.

The Russian most certainly know of this American reluctance, which diminishes by that much the effectiveness of our retaliatory power.

3. The need for instant retaliation under present policy gives the President and the country no time to think of the best answer for any given attack. The only answer for either country in case of real attack, or what seems to be a real attack, is what the word merchants call "Assured mutual destruction."

# Jeffrey Hunt

## Nixon Victim Of Own Personality



Initially it is startling that the White House crew could have blundered on the scale now manifest in Watergate. Individually and collectively they give the impression of competence, assurance, and worldliness. But I think we can go beyond reflections that human behavior is full of startling surprises. It seems to me that the very hyper-orderliness of the White House setup, an orderliness that reflects the special needs of the President's own disciplined temperament, plus Nixon's normal remoteness as a person, played a large part in the disaster before us.

The sequence of events is tolerably clear, though a clear conflict exists between the testimony of John Mitchell and Jeb Magruder over who authorized the break-in. Magruder says Mitchell did, but

Mitchell denies it, and implies that someone at the White House did. But the truth here scarcely matters, except to the individuals involved. Someone did, the break-in occurred, and the intruders were caught.

Then, it is equally evident, the President, working through channels as usual, asked for an inquiry, which was conducted by John Dean, counsel to the President.

Nixon, it will be noticed, evidently did not confront Magruder or Mitchell or any of the others face to face and ask about involvement in Watergate. If Nixon had done this, it is unlikely that any of them would have lied directly to the President. But Nixon works through memoranda, commands passed through H.R. Haldeman, requests passed through channels. Back to him come other reports, memoranda and so on. It is all very efficient, except when someone in those channels has an interest in a cover-up.

As is well known, Nixon normally does not read the newspapers and magazines or listen to the TV news. Again, this is in the interest of efficiency and mental discipline: why waste energy getting mad at Walter Cronkite or the New York Times? It is all but certain, therefore, that he did not read the celebrated Washington Post series on Watergate, which raised so many unanswered questions. He is isolated from the news media and reads only a daily summary of the news prepared for him, ably enough, by Pat Buchanan — a practice, however, which inevitably filters out a good deal of tone and detail.

So in a way Richard Nixon seems to have been betrayed here by some of his own idiosyncrasies. But I think that we shall now see some of his other familiar qualities come into focus: his toughness, his resiliency, his great ability as a counter-puncher. One of the odd things, after all, about the "crises" Nixon repeatedly undergoes is his ability not merely to survive them intact but to transform them into political advantage. The glee of his enemies may be premature.

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## They Want Pension Kept In Charter

### BH Police, Firemen Ask Benefits Be Retained

BY RALPH LUTZ  
Staff Writer

Representatives of Benton Harbor police and fire departments said Wednesday they want their pension benefit provisions retained in a new city charter.

The request to the charter commission, drafting the proposed constitution for a referendum next Sept. 18, was received with mixed reactions.

Several commissioners reminded that one section of the new charter provides for pensions, with no lessening of benefits.

One commissioner, James Murphy, voiced fear that the present course might "mortgage future generations."

The problem hinges on taxation.

#### NO TAX INCREASES

Charter commissioners have commented that their final draft will not call for tax increases. Higher taxes could endanger its passage at the polls, it is believed.

On the other hand, a section of the new charter calls for the city to levy 20 operating mills, the maximum allowed by the state. The present limit is 19 operating mills. To reach the 20-mill maximum, the remaining 10 mills must be approved by voters.

Here's how the goal of no tax increase would be reached, as drafted by Atty. David Morris of Kalamazoo, special counsel to the charter commission:

While the city, under its present charter, can levy only 10 operating mills without a referendum, it also levies 7 non-operating mills. These were voted on by residents separately and earmarked for special uses.

Under the new charter, several of these non-operating mills would be included in the 20-mill general operating income. Instead of adding them to the tax rolls, they would simply be included in the operating levy.

#### GENERAL OPERATING FUND

The services these non-operating mills pay for would still have to be financed, but all from the general operating fund. Murphy's fears appeared to be linked to the money involved in future years.

Under tentative plans, the 20-mill operating levy would include 1 mill now earmarked for the library, 2 mills for permanent public improvements, and 1 mill for pensions.

Not transferred to the general fund would be 2 mills for garbage and trash pickup, and the remaining mill for urban renewal bonds, it was reported.

How the 20 mills could perpetually finance the city's total

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#### GIRLS WIN TISCORNIA FOUNDATION AWARDS:

Two St. Joseph High school seniors, Nancy Jo Carlson and Karla Schlutt, have been granted \$4,000 Tiscornia Foundation scholarships. From left are Mr. and Mrs. Gordon M. Carlson, Jr., daughter, Nancy Jo, Auto Specialties President Lester Tiscornia, Miss Schlutt and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elvie C. Schlutt. The scholarships were established in 1952 in honor of the founder of Auto Specialties, the late James Tiscornia. Forty-

seven students, sons and daughters of Ausco employees, have been granted scholarships to date. Miss Carlson plans to attend Michigan State university to study computer science. She is a member of the Maize and Blue Annual staff. Miss Schlutt will attend Western Michigan to major in speech therapy and psychology. Among her activities are president of the "Honeybees," a dance group. Miss Carlson's father is director of purchasing for Ausco. Miss Schlutt's father is an

electric arc-furnace operator. The scholarship selection committee was composed of Nicholas Zitta, J. Otto Kerschbaum and Robert Kibler of Ausco; J. Howard Edwards, executive director of Area Resources Improvement council, and Robert Miller, a trustee of Tiscornia Foundation and former president of Benton Harbor Engineering Division of Koehring Co. (Staff photo)

## St. Joe Honors High 'A' Seniors

"Keep your goals high" Vice President Ray Dumke of the St. Joseph Board of Education told 36 St. Joseph High school graduates Wednesday night at a reception in the cafeteria.

Dumke spoke for Dr. Dean K. Ray, board president, who had a conflict of dates. Dumke said to the graduates, all who have attained a grade point average of 3.50 or better, "this is really

what education is all about."

Dumke extended congratulations from the board of education and the administration for the academic success attained by the group. He was introduced by Supt. Richard Ziehmer.

The 3.50 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 is equal to a high "A" scholastic record throughout their high school career.

St. Joseph High school does not single out its top scholars by naming valedictorian and salutarian but identifies the honor graduates at the reception, honors assembly and at graduation exercises.

The honor graduates are: Brian Berndt, Cheryl Booher, Susan Borutski, Janet Bridgman, Nancy Carlson, Julie

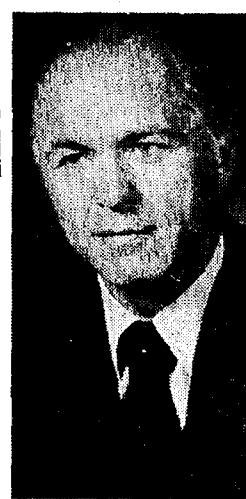
Coon, Karol Dyer, Miriam Eichenbaum, Brian Gast, Tom Grieger, Dan Griswold, Amy Henry, Matt Houseal, Charlene Kaatz, Vickie Karns, Marla Kinney, Laurene Kinney, Anne Krause, Ann Krieger, Cynthia Leatz, Annette Lenz, Emily

McKnight, Jeanne Musgrove, Judith Pasek, Colleen Reschke, Cynthia Rosche, Elizabeth Runyan, Virginia Shierk, Debra Smith, Denise Sorget, Cynthia Stafford, Barbara VanDyck, Deborah Vogel, Deborah Wilson, Dan Wheeler, Helga Zielke.

### BHHS Band Parents To Sell Parade Programs

Members of the Benton Harbor Band Parents association will be selling official Blossomtime parade programs Saturday afternoon.

The Benton Harbor Band Parents association will be selling the programs both in Benton Harbor and St. Joseph. The St. Joseph Band and Orchestra Parents will not be selling programs this year.



RICHARD ZIEHMER  
To Receive Doctorate

## SJ Schools Chief To Get Doctorate

BY JIM SHANAHAN  
BH City Editor

How long does it take to get a Ph.D?

If you are Richard Ziehmer, it's a dozen years while you are rearing a family and holding down a full-time job as superintendent of schools.

St. Joseph Superintendent Ziehmer will receive a Ph.D in education Saturday in graduation ceremonies at University of Michigan.

His doctoral dissertation is "Predicting Public Opinion," a project that started more as an avocation instead of an educational time.

Ziehmer said he became interested in the subject because he was wondering what public opinion was thinking about school operations and school elections.

It was an intriguing study but he had no intention of using it for a dissertation until he was urged to proceed by his adviser.

Ziehmer, 44, has been St. Joseph superintendent since 1965. He previously was superintendent at Frankenth.

He has a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan and master's from University of Michigan.

He said his quest for a doctorate has been a long haul involving some summer work before coming here, and weekends on campus. The only straight shot was when he took a 16-week leave of absence without pay.

Ziehmer and his wife, Gretchen, are the parents of four children — two in college and two at home.

## Cost Of Septic Tank Cleaning Will Be Hiked

State-mandated changes in dumping sites for septic tank-cleaning firms probably will cost Berrien county homeowners more.

Robert Spies, owner of Modern Sanitation septic tank and sewer-cleaning firm at route 2, Benton Harbor, said he's raising his rates in order to meet higher costs of dumping at sewage treatment plants rather than township sewer lines. He expects other cleaners in Berrien county to do likewise.

"We'd go broke, in plain English" if he failed to pass along the extra charge to owners of home sewage disposal systems, Spies said.

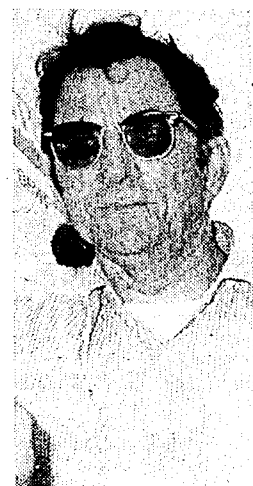
Since late 1971, Modern Sanitation has charged \$40 to pump a home septic tank in the north of Berrien and \$35 in the Niles area, he said. However, the state health department recently ordered local governments to bar in-line dumping—pumping effluent into a township sewer line by firms like MS, meaning MS must now make more costly dumps at the twin cities sewage plant and Niles plant, he said.

Dumping in Benton township's sewers cost MS about \$3 per load, but the Niles plant charge is \$6 per load and the twin cities plant charge is \$5 for up to 500 gallons, \$10 for 500 to 1,000 gallons, and \$15 for 1,000 to 1,500 gallons, Spies reported.

Effective immediately, MS

will charge \$41 for Niles-area pumping (\$35 plus \$6), and a base of \$40 plus the twin city sewage plant rate per gallon for north-county pumping, Spies said.

"Every time we've had a price increase due to increasing costs, others have followed suit," he added.



ROBERT SPIES  
Raising His Rates

## Grand Mere Hikes To Be Held Sunday

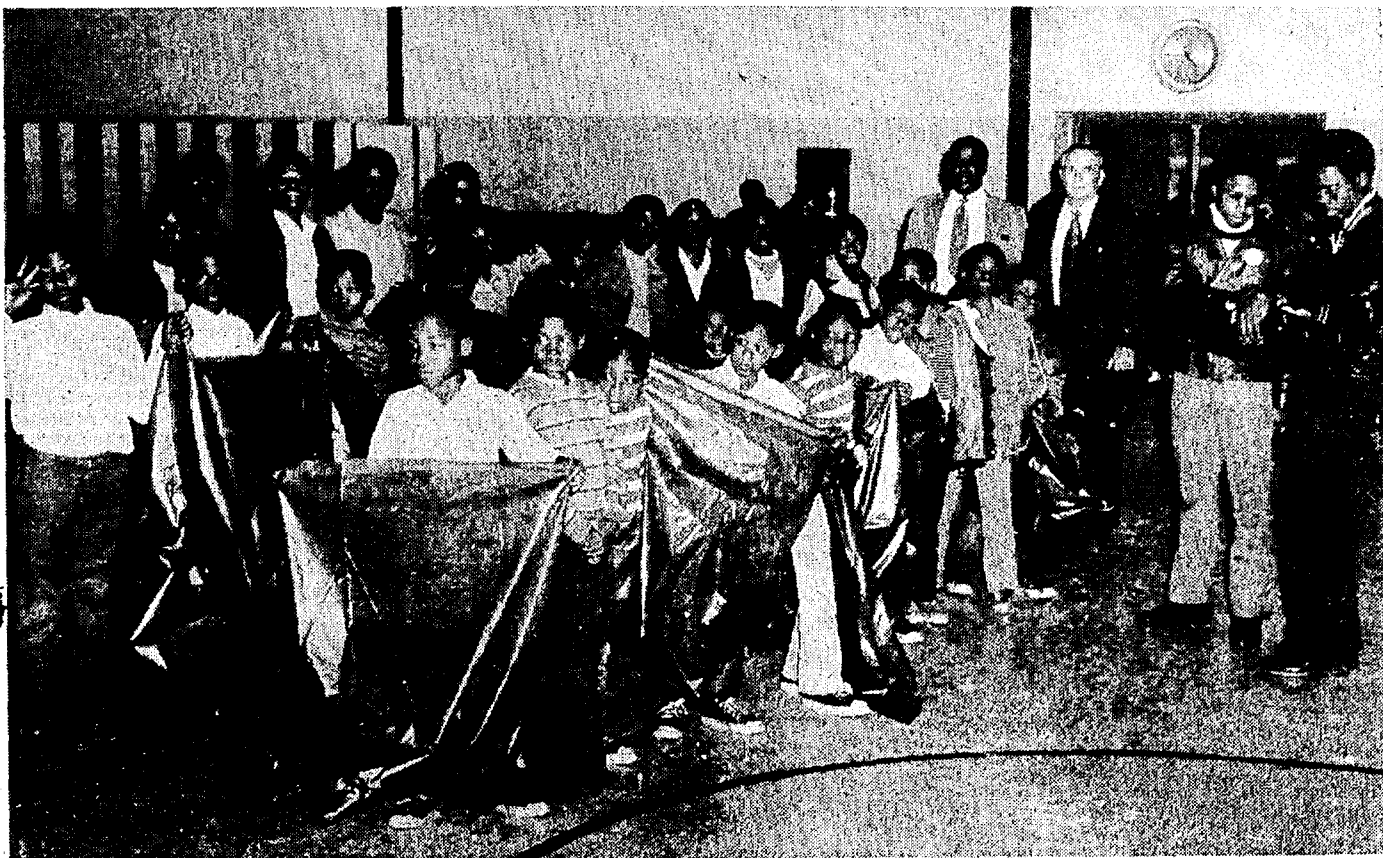
A series of hikes through the Grand Mere nature preserve and dunes area west of Stevensville will be held Sunday, May 6, from 2 to 4 p.m. under the sponsorship of the Grand Mere association.

According to Clete Brummel, hike chairman, hikes will begin at regular intervals from two starting points.

One hike is to be a botanical tour through the nature preserve led by qualified guides.

The second trek will be through a neighboring 426-acre tract that the state department of natural resources has announced plans to acquire as a natural park. This hike, which will be longer than the first, according to Brummel, will include a climb to the top of one of the area's high dunes.

The hike starting points are located a short distance off Thorton drive, south of the Stevensville I-94 exit. Brummel said signs will mark the way to the hike starting points.



**MAIN STREET CLEAN-UP:** People for Peace, a 200 member youth group affiliated with the Church of God in Christ, and the Change the Image subcommittee of the Twin Cities Community Action Coalition, Wednesday began a three-day cleanup of Main street in Benton Harbor in preparation for the Blossom parade Saturday. The groups started at Bard school and plan to work into

the downtown area picking up trash and debris. Plans are being made to conduct similar clean-up drives in other neighborhoods in Benton Harbor and Benton township. Standing in back are Virgil May and Benton township Supervisor Martin Lane from the Community Action Coalition. At right in picture are Harold Hampton and Freddie Allen of People for Peace.

## Stolen Device Contains Poisonous Chemicals

FENVILLE — An insect collecting device containing poison and giving off poison gas was reported stolen from the Michigan State University Experiment station west of here yesterday.

Alfred Pshea, station manager, said this morning the five-foot tall device gives off poisonous gas at all times and should be considered dangerous, despite the fact that the chemicals it contains are old and low in activity.

First reports yesterday were that contact with the stolen ap-

paratus could cause blindness or death. Later reports were that the apparatus was not so dangerous as first thought.

Allegan county sheriff's deputies said this morning the device contains calcium cyanide and gives off hydrocyanic gas. Pshea said the substances are poisonous by contact with the skin, even if not ingested.

The insect trap was being used in investigating the American plum bore moth, according to Pshea. He said it contained a

fluorescent light to attract moths, which were then killed by the poison and collected for researchers.

The stolen trap contained a blue fluorescent bulb which resembled an ultraviolet light, Pshea said. Ultraviolet lights are popular because of their effect on some paints and printed materials.

Pshea speculated the device may have been stolen because of the bulb. He said four other devices of the same kind with

different colored lights in them were not disturbed.

He said the device was apparently stolen sometime Monday or Tuesday night. It was discovered missing late Tuesday night, and reported to deputies Wednesday morning. The device cost about \$130, Pshea said.

Deputies said anyone affected by the poison in the device would require a doctor's care. They said contaminated clothing should be removed, and the victim kept warm.



**UNEXPECTED VISITOR:** This car driven by 15-year-old girl reported to be learning to drive plunged through home of Dennis Sexton, on Tower Hill road at Michigan avenue in Sawyer last night. Girl was identified by state police as Sylvia Forrester, of Sawyer. She was issued ticket for driving without a license. Her father, F. M. Forrester who was with her in car was ticketed on charge of permitting unlicensed driver to drive. Sexton said he heard car coming and had to jump out of way to avoid injury. His wife received head cut when kitchen cabinet jarred loose in crash struck her. Car traveled through living room and out through glass doors at back of house leading to patio. (Eric Hauch photo)

## Milliken Addresses GOP In Van Buren

By STEVE McQUOWN

Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — Gov. William Milliken told a Lincoln - Law Day banquet crowd here last night that the public, as well as governmental officials, have a responsibility towards insuring good government.

He told some 400 persons at DiJuane's restaurant that government representatives must move "quickly, decisively and effectively," to remove the stigma of scandal and corruption from their administrations.

At the same time, Milliken said, the public must be more willing to express confidence in government officials who are doing a good job.

"That's the way you're going to get good government," he said in a generally low-key address at the annual Van Buren GOP banquet.

He made no specific references to allegations of scandal or political patronage aimed at the national or Michigan administrations.

The unprepared banquet speech topped a tour of Van Buren county during which Milliken greeted residents in Bangor, Hartford and Paw Paw.

In Paw Paw, Milliken signed autographs, walked into stores to shake hands with clerks and managers alike and visited several farms to get first hand reports about storm and frost damage to agricultural crops.

He skipped over a previously announced air tour of storm damaged shorelines in the western part of the county, but a press aide to the governor said



**SIGNS AUTOGRAPHS:** Gov. William Milliken signs autographs for crowd of youngsters in Paw Paw yesterday. Governor visited Paw Paw, Hart-

ford and Bangor before making dinner speech in Paw Paw last night. (Staff photo)

## Man Killed When Struck By Train

DOWAGIAC — A man believed to be a migrant farm worker was struck and killed by an Amtrak passenger train on the Penn Central railroad tracks four miles south of Dowagiac yesterday morning, Cass sheriff's deputies reported.

Deputies said J. J. Guerrero Serrano, believed to be a native of central or southern Mexico, was declared dead on the scene after being struck by the train at about 11 a.m. The victim's age is unknown, but he appeared to be in his early twenties, deputies said.

They said the train's en-

gineer, R. A. Cagney, of Jackson, told them the man stepped on the tracks ahead of the train and waved his arms, not trying to jump aside.

Cagney reported the train had been traveling 50 miles per hour, and he did not have time to stop it before the man was struck. The accident occurred in a rural area northeast of the Breeson street crossing, deputies said.

The four-car train was headed from Chicago to Detroit.

Deputies said the victim had no known local relatives, and was not known to be working in the area. They said he had

pieces of paper in his pockets linking him to farm work near San Antonio, Texas.

## Floral Parade Seats Available At 3 Sites

Grand Floral parade seats for Saturday's parade are on sale at three locations in Benton Harbor: Blossomtime, Inc., office, 311 Collas avenue; Sears, 640 West Main street; and Jewel food store, 499 West Main.

Blossomtime officials said for safety purposes, spectators will not be allowed to seek autographs from parade celebrities and queens, and parade participants have been asked not to sign autographs.

an air tour is planned this coming Saturday when Milliken is scheduled to attend the Blossomtime festivities in Benton Harbor.

Milliken's references to the two-way road to good government came after he commented on his administration's successful efforts to obtain tax reductions for residents and industry.

He announced that some \$380 million in tax reductions had been approved by both houses of the legislature that same day.

He applauded the efforts of state representatives of the county as being instrumental in helping with the passage of the tax reduction measures.

But the governor cautioned that unless the legislature shows "discipline and self-restraint" in fiscal policies, the tax reductions could not be promised for years 1975-1977.

He also said that prospects are good for a "literal breakthrough" this legislative session in financing education in such a way as to remove differences between "superior and inadequate and totally mediocre" school systems in the state.

"The most precious asset we have are the young people of this state and country," Milliken said.

Milliken expressed delight at

the turnout at the \$7.50 per plate banquet and promised to return to the county.

Arrangements for the banquet were handled by Donald Hals-lead, a Paw Paw attorney.

## Mailboxes Downed By Vandals, Police Say

Hitting one, or even two mailboxes with an auto could be accidental, but Benton township police figure the person who knocked down 11 mailboxes and a stop sign on Reeder street did so intentionally.

Police believe the driver of the car began the mailbox mashing at the corner of Reeder street and Maynard drive, and worked his way south.

Police said tire tracks leading to each of the 11 mailboxes indicated that the driver would hit one box, back up, take aim again, and hit another. The stop sign at the corner of Reeder and Napier was also struck.

Owners of the mailboxes were reported as John Forrester, Alva Corzine, Dwight Meachum, Joe Jester, George Huffines, Jack Combs, Richard Matheny, Melvin Hall, Carl Bankman and William Weidner.

## Trash Fire

St. Joseph firemen extinguished a fire in a trash container (7:56-8:15 p. m. Wednesday) in the Edith Ellis residence, 512 Pearl street, St. Joseph. Firemen said the small fire caused negligible damage. The trash was being collected in the house during remodeling.

## Van Buren Intermediate Board Names Replacement

# Disputed Vacancy On Covert Board Filled

BY DAVE ANDREWS  
Staff Writer

LAWRENCE — Jerome Shumate, former superintendent of Covert public schools, was appointed to fill a disputed vacancy on the Covert board of



ALFRED JOHNSON  
Removal upheld

education last night, setting up a possible legal challenge.

Acting in response to a request from Covert Supt. John Kremkow and on the opinion of Dr. John Porter of Lansing, state superintendent of public instruction, the Van Buren Intermediate board of education named Shumate to serve in place of Alfred Johnson until a permanent replacement can be elected at the June 11 school election.

Johnson's seat was declared vacant Jan. 26 by the Covert board because of alleged excessive absenteeism and on the basis of state school law which requires that board members reside in the district.

Porter said the absenteeism question has been referred to the state attorney general for an opinion, but that it is his opinion a vacancy has existed on the Covert board since April 13, 1972, when Johnson moved from Covert to Benton Harbor.

Johnson has disputed the ac-

tion of the Covert board and Porter's opinion, refusing to accept the opinion as a removal notice. He has attended and voted at recent board meetings. He has suggested a possible court challenge to the ouster action.

The Covert board had taken no action to name a replacement for Johnson and Kremkow's letter asking for intervention by the intermediate board was based on that failure.

He said that the Covert board has not acted within the 20-day statutory period provided to fill the vacancy.

Nomination of Shumate was made by letter signed by four members of the Covert board and delivered last night to the intermediate board by Harry Sarno, Covert board president, and board trustee Harold Bracken.

In addition to Sarno and Bracken, the letter was signed by Mrs. Ernestine Kahn and Carl Greger.

Sarno said they favored ap-

pointment by the intermediate board to remove the controversy from the local board and also to allow the remaining one year of Johnson's term to be filled by voters of the district June 11.

Although the four persons who signed the letter of nomination to the intermediate board constitute a majority of the Covert board and could make the appointment at the next regular meeting, Sarno said delaying the appointment until then would give candidates only a few days to file for the June ballot, possibly preventing some candidates from filing.

He also said that appointment by the intermediate board eliminates the possibility that he as president would have to vote on an appointment, then render a decision on whether the new appointee or Johnson would sit on the board.

Sarno said the two members of the Covert board who did not sign the letter nominating Shumate — Alice Blair and Maurice Columbel Jr. — were not advised of the request to the

intermediate board that Shumate be appointed.

He said they have sided with Johnson in the dispute.

Shumate, who served as superintendent at Covert from November, 1964, to the end of his contract in June, 1966, has been retired since 1970 when a heart attack forced him to leave the superintendent's position he held at Carsonville.

He said he would accept the appointment and also would file petitions as a candidate for the remaining one year of Johnson's term.

"My interest always has been in school business," he said. "I've been wanting to get back into it."

Shumate said that he believes his past experience as an educator would be valuable as a member of the Covert board.

Appointment of Shumate was made by three members of the five member intermediate board — Rex Allen of Lawrence, Edwin Buycie of Bangor and

William Woodman of Paw Paw. President Bill Burnette of Hartford arrived at the meeting late because of employment and trustee Richard Shanley of South Haven was unable to attend because of illness.

In other action, the board authorized Supt. Elmer VanDyke and Ernest J. Shaw, assistant superintendent, to investigate further the possibility of initiating a district-operated transportation program in September for special education program.

VanDyke said that under Michigan's mandatory special education law which takes effect July 1 that the district will become more involved in a total special ed program, including transportation.

Transportation for children now attending the day care center and trainable retarded program is provided by parents who are members of the Van Buren Retarded Children's as-

sociation under contract with the intermediate district.

Shaw reported that plans for the Van Buren Skill Center project are "on the track" for a bid opening about Dec. 1. Completion is anticipated in time for classes in September, 1975.

The board approved a resolution of incumbency signifying the district's intent to proceed with the project and also to comply with federal guidelines during construction. Resolution is necessary, VanDyke said, to make application for federal matching funds for the \$2.6 million center.

The board also discussed the planned media center, which also will involve Berrien and Cass counties, and authorized VanDyke to work out administrative details with Berrien and Cass intermediate superintendents.

Vice president Buycie, whose term expires this year, announced he has filed nominating

petitions for re-election to a six-year term June 4. Voting will be by representatives of constituent local school districts. To date, VanDyke said, Buycie is the only candidate who has filed for election.



JEROME SHUMATE  
Named to board